AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A polyisocyanate composition which is represented by the following structural formula (I) and satisfies all of the following requirements: i) the diisocyanate monomer concentration in the polyisocyanate composition is not more than 3 mass%, ii) the polyol component concentration in the polyisocyanate composition is 3-30 mass%, and iii) the glass transition temperature is -50°C to 0°C;

$R-(NCO)_n$ (I)

(in the formula, R is a residue excluding isocyanate group in the polyisocyanate composition derived from hexamethylene diisocyanate, isophorone diisocyanate and a polyol selected from the group consisting of trimethylolpropane and trihydric polyesterpolyol having a number average molecular weight of less than 300 and the diisocyanate and the polyol are bonded through an allophanate bond in at least a part of bonding portions of the diisocyanate and the polyol, the ratio of aliphatic diisocyanate component/alicyclic diisocyanate component is 95/5 - 50/50 (by mass ratio), and n (a statistical average number of isocyanate group in one molecule of the polyisocyanate) is 4.5 - 20).

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2. (Original) The polyisocyanate composition according to claim 1 which has a viscosity of 100,000 - 2,000,000 mPa•s/25°C.

3. (Canceled)

- 4. (Previously Presented) The polyisocyanate composition according to claim 1, wherein the glass transition temperature is 45°C to 10°C.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The polyisocyanate composition according to claim 1, which contains an isocyanurate bond.

6. (Cancelled)

- 7. (Previously Presented) A block polyisocyanate composition comprising the polyisocyanate composition according to claim 1, in which a part or the whole of the isocyanate group is blocked with a blocking agent.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A method for producing the polyisocyanate composition according to any one of claims 1, 2, 4 or 5, which comprises the steps of: reacting hexamethylene diisocyanate, isophorone diisocyanate and a polyol selected from the group consisting of trimethylolpropane and trihydric polyesterpolyol at a ratio of isocyanate group/hydroxyl group (equivalent ratio) = 3/1 30/1; optionally carrying out

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isocyanuration reaction after or simultaneously with the above reaction; and then removing unreacted diisocyanate monomers.

- 9. (Previously Presented) A coating composition which comprises the polyisocyanate composition according to claim 1 or the block polyisocyanate composition according to claim 7, and at least one polyol.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The coating composition according to claim 9, which is used for clear coat.
- 11. (Previously Presented) A method for applying the coating composition according to claim 10, which comprises applying the coating composition to a base coat containing a pigment.
- 12. (Original) The application method according to claim 11, wherein the base coat is a water-based paint.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The application method according to claim 11 or 12, which further comprises simultaneously curing the base coat and the clear coat.